

TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

STORY/ART BY SUNGDAE OH

KIVEIRU'S LIBRARY: PART 2

I HOPE YOU WILL
ALL WORK HARD
DURING THE TRAINING
AND TESTING.

NEXT...

kiveiru

ARE YOU SURE
YOU'RE NOT SCARING
THEM A BIT TOO MUCH
RIGHT FROM
THE BEGINNING,
MR. KIM?

SSK

AH,
DIRECTOR...!



TELLING THEM THEY
CAN'T MAKE A SINGLE
MISTAKE,...
THAT'S A BIT MUCH,
HAHA.

AHH. I JUST
THOUGHT THEY NEEDED
TO PREPARE THEMSELVES
FOR THAT KIND
OF LEVEL....

YOU MUST ALL BE
HUNGRY, RIGHT? EVEN TESTS
NEED TO BE DONE ON A
FULL STOMACH. I'VE ARRANGED
DINNER FOR YOU ALL
AT A LOCAL BARBECUE
RESTAURANT.




PORKY'S

24 HRS

BLAKE TOWN
SPECIALISTS

PORKY'S

12 884 824



WHAT'S SO HARD
ABOUT READING A BOOK
WITHOUT MAKING MISTAKES?
MY NICKNAME WAS
"VOICEWARE" WHEN
I WAS IN SCHOOL.

YOU KNOW,
YOUR SPEECH IS
A LITTLE SLURRED
RIGHT NOW,
HAHA.

HAHAHAHA.

IT'S BEEN AN HOUR,
THEY'RE ALL GETTING
A BIT TIPSY.

LET'S GET
STARTED.





**SORRY TO SUDDENLY
INTERRUPT WHEN YOU
WERE ALL HAVING SUCH
A GOOD TIME.**

**BUT THIS IS ALSO
PART OF THE TEST SO
I HOPE YOU WILL ALL
UNDERSTAND.**

A grayscale photograph of a table. On the left side of the table, there are two stacks of books. The top stack is taller and has a striped cover, while the bottom stack is shorter with a solid-colored cover. On the right side of the table, four headsets are arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each headset has a dark headband and large, dark ear cups. The background is dark and out of focus.

IN THE FUTURE,
THERE WILL BE
MORE OF THESE TESTS
AND TRAINING
IN UNFAVORABLE
CONDITIONS.

WE WILL NOW
HAND OUT THE BOOKS
AND HEADSETS HERE TO
EACH OF YOU
FOR THE TESTS.

A man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit and white shirt, stands in the foreground. Behind him to the left is a woman with dark hair in a ponytail, also wearing a dark suit and white shirt. They are both looking forward with neutral expressions. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

THE MOMENT YOU
PUT ON THE HEADSET,
THE TEST WILL
AUTOMATICALLY
BEGIN.

FOR THIS TEST,
YOU WILL FAIL
IF YOU MAKE MORE
THAN FIVE MISTAKES.

A comic panel showing three people in a crowd. On the left, a woman with short dark hair and a white shirt looks down with a sad expression. In the center, a man with dark hair and a dark jacket holds his hands to his temples, looking distressed. On the right, another man with dark hair and a dark shirt looks on with a worried expression. The background is dark with faint silhouettes of other people.

I DIDN'T
SEE THIS
COMING...

WAIT, SO THEY
GOT US DRUNK
ON PURPOSE...?

UGH...
I HAD NO IDEA...
I GULPED DOWN
A LOT...

WE WILL NOW
BEGIN THE TEST.



BEGIN
ROUND ONE
OF THE TEST!

MURMUR

MURMUR



IT IS AT THIS STAGE
THAT A SEDIMENTARY
LAYER FORMS...



SEDIMENT
ACCUMULATES IN
SHALLOW WATER,

A black and white comic panel featuring two students, a girl on the left and a boy on the right, both wearing headphones and reading books. The girl has a speech bubble above her head, and the boy has a speech bubble below his. A large sound effect 'BEEP-' is written in the background between them. The background is dark with some faint, stylized shapes.

AND WHEN
THE WEIGHT OF THIS
SEDIMENTARY LAYER
CAUSES IT TO SINK...

BEEP-

AND WHEN
THE WEIGHT OF THIS
SEDIMENTARY LAYER
CAUSES IT TO
STINK...

EH...?!

THEY CONQUERED
THE ENTIRE NORTHERN
REGION OF INDIA AND
THE HILH MALAYA...

BEEP-

BEEP-

TRAVELING THROUGH
THE GOBI DESERT ON
AN EXPEDITION,
THE TANGUT PEOPLE...

BEEP-

BEEP-

BEEP-



MAN,
WHAT KIND OF
STUPID TEST
IS THIS?!

THEY SHOULD
HAVE INFORMED US
FROM THE START...

MOUTH, ...
IS THIS CONFUCIUS WITH HIS ...
LISH AND TRITE SAYINGS? IN THE WEST WE
HAVE A CARTOON-LIKE VIEW OF CONFUCIUS -
A MAN WHO CHURNED OUT DULL MAXIMS -
"DICTUM COMING SAGE," SAYS THE LONELY
NET TRAVEL GUIDE - OR AS A CONSERVATIVE
OLD FOGY WHOSE SAYINGS SHOW UP IN FOR
UNE COOKIES. IN THE CHINESE CITY OF QUFU
CONFUCIUS' BIRTHPLACE, ON ANY GIVEN DAY
YOU WILL SEE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF
PEOPLE, MOST IN FAMILY GROUPS OR TOURS
... OF THE THREE MIL

- FIRST TEXT -

SURPRISE TEST IN A TEMPORARILY INTOXICATED STATE

TWENTY SURVIVORS

WHEW... I WOULD
HAVE BEEN DISQUALIFIED
IF I HAD MADE JUST ONE
MORE MISTAKE.





LOOKS LIKE
NO ONE'S SAFE
WHEN IT COMES
TO ALCOHOL.

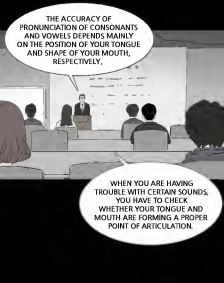
STILL, IT LOOKS
LIKE A LOT MORE
PEOPLE MADE IT
THAN BEFORE.

THAT'S
THE END OF
THE FIRST TEST!



GOOD WORK,
EVERYONE.



A grayscale illustration of a classroom. A teacher stands at a podium in the center, facing a class of students. The students are seen from behind, seated at desks. A large speech bubble originates from the teacher, containing text about pronunciation. Another speech bubble originates from the foreground, containing text about articulation. The background features a whiteboard with some faint, illegible writing.

THE ACCURACY OF
PRONUNCIATION OF CONSONANTS
AND VOWELS DEPENDS MAINLY
ON THE POSITION OF YOUR TONGUE
AND SHAPE OF YOUR MOUTH,
RESPECTIVELY,

WHEN YOU ARE HAVING
TROUBLE WITH CERTAIN SOUNDS,
YOU HAVE TO CHECK
WHETHER YOUR TONGUE AND
MOUTH ARE FORMING A PROPER
POINT OF ARTICULATION.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO
RELAX YOUR ORAL MUSCLES
TO ALLOW FOR MORE
STABLE PRONUNCIATION.

MURMUR

MURMUR

BUT YOU HAVE
TO BE CAREFUL BECAUSE
OVERDOING IT COULD LEAD
TO THE FORMATION OF
BAD HABITS.

**YOU MUST BE
UNSHAKABLE
IN ANY SITUATION.**



**BELIEVE
IN THE REPEATED
TRAINING THAT YOU HAVE
DONE COUNTLESS TIMES,
AND IN YOURSELF.**



A man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie, is speaking. He is in the foreground, looking slightly to the right. In the background, there are several other people, including a woman on the left and two men on the right, all looking towards the speaker. The setting appears to be a formal meeting or conference room with a dark ceiling and light-colored walls.

TODAY, WE WILL
BE CONDUCTING
THE FIFTH TEST.

THIS IS A ROOM
WITH ITS TEMPERATURE
VARYING BETWEEN POSITIVE
45 DEGREES AND NEGATIVE
20 DEGREES CELCIUS.

ALSO, VARIOUS
LIGHTING DEVICES AND
SOUNDS WILL DISTURB
YOUR SENSES.



WE HAVE A MEDICAL
TEAM ON STANDBY
JUST IN CASE SO THERE'S
NO NEED TO WORRY.

THIS TIME, YOU
WILL BE DISQUALIFIED
IF YOU MAKE MORE
THAN TWO MISTAKES.

BOOM



BOOM



NOW, BEGIN
THE TEST!

DUE TO THIS PROPERTY
OF ELECTRONS, CERTAIN
ATOMS MAY GIVE THEIR
ELECTRONS TO OTHER
ATOMS...



THE NOVEL IS
STRUCTURED AS
A DREAMLIKE FANTASY IN
WHICH THE PROTAGONIST
AWAKENS FROM...



THEY MAY BE GROWN
IN SLIGHTLY SHADY
OR SUNNY AREAS,
REGARDLESS OF FERTILITY
OF THE SOIL...



IN THE WORLD OF
CONCEPTS OR INFORMATION
CONCEIVED BY HUMANS, IT
REPRESENTS A MEANINGFUL
UNIT OF INFORMATION...

BEEP-

BEEP-

BEEP-

BEEP-

CEPT OF THE...
...VAT... THIS PA...
...THE DISCUSSION OF LE...
...NO POSSIBLY DIFF...
...THE OTHER HAND...
...HAND, IN THE BPC...
...TAX PRINCIPLES...
...ST BE CLARIFIED...
...E CONTRASTED...
...IT WOULD MAKE...
...COMPARISON ON THE CHA...
...AS A PREDOMINANTLY IND...
...DIFFERENT...

BEEP-

- FIFTH TEST -

SENSORY DISTURBANCE TEST

SEVEN SURVIVORS

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT
PASSED, PLEASE FOLLOW
THE INSTRUCTIONS
FOR THE EXITING
PROCEDURE.

WOULD
THE SEVEN PEOPLE
WHO PASSED
THE TEST PLEASE
STEP FORWARD?



A man with dark hair, wearing glasses, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He has a serious expression. The background is a plain, light gray wall.

THE FINAL TEST
IS SCHEDULED TO BE
IN A WEEK.

UNTIL THEN,
TAKE GOOD CARE OF
YOURSELVES AND
I'LL SEE YOU THEN.





TODAY'S FINALLY
THE LAST TEST.

I WONDER
WHAT KIND OF
TEST IT WILL BE...

BY THE WAY,
IT FEELS LIKE WE REALLY
DON'T KNOW EACH OTHER
VERY WELL, CONSIDERING
HOW LONG WE'VE BEEN
TRAINING TOGETHER.

HOW DID YOU
ALL END UP HERE?

AHH...
I KNOW,
RIGHT?



To be continued..



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